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President's Voice

Greetings Washingtonians!!!

As we approach 2019, it is most fitting that we extend a call all Booker T. Washington alumni to become actively involved with the mission of the Booker T. Washington Foundation. Your involvement will enable us to carry out the goals and objectives established for 2019. This information is posted on the website. So how can you become involved?

Be informed. Visit the website at bookertwashingtonfoundationsc.org for information. The website will be updated over the holidays.

Be in the know. The Foundation's 501c(3) was reinstated in June 2018. This provides the opportunity for alumni and friends to make contributions which are tax deductible.

Be involved. The Foundation approved the reorganization of the Booker T. Washington High School Alumni Association. Information will be provided once the organization is fully established.

Be a participant. Join your classmates for class meeting and activities. If your class has not organized, seek out classmates and start meeting to carry on the BTW heritage.

Be encouraged. Booker T. Washington High School lives on through the Booker T. Washington Foundation and the newly formed Booker T. Washington High School Alumni Association. Through the efforts of these organizations, the history and heritage of our beloved Alma Mater live on!

Be a contributor. The Foundation needs your support of its current project. We are seeking to raise \$3000 for needed repairs to the floor at the Booker T. Washington Monteith Cultural Center. Contributions may be sent to: BTW Foundation; P O Box 1641 Columbia, SC 29202. Memo: Floor repair.

We wish you Happy Holidays as you prepare to celebrate the days ahead. This season is a time to connect with family, friends, and the community. Remember to share your love for Booker T. Washington with your classmates, friends and family during this holiday season. Most importantly, the main focus of the season is the gift we received and the reminder of why we exist, and the real reason for the season! May you be richly blessed as you celebrate Christmas and the coming of the New Year! Happy Holidays!

Lest We Forget...

Gloria Susan Graham Boyd '65
President



Class of 1943



Hello Washingtonians,

October is over and November is approaching it's final week. It is time for us to look toward winter holiday celebrations with baking and lots of tantalizing food odors that make us wish for snow, candles, bells, and lots of merry-making. Family seems to become more important. We have been able to reach some of the "faithful few" to let them know it is news time. Pauline Blocker Richardson received an award during her church's, Pine Grove AME, 146th anniversary celebration, for years of service and commitment to the community and church. "Nurses Night Out" was observed recently. Johnnie M. Terry Wheeler was honored as president. She has served many years at various churches as a nurse. Nathalie Martin Jenkins enjoyed attending also. She informed us of another joyous occasion, Fannie Lambright Blount's 100th birthday celebration. Several other 100+ years old guests were in attendance for the occasion at Bethlehem Baptist Church's Life Center on Eastman Street. We talked and laughed about the many experiences we shared at the Perrin Thomas Elementary School Center, in Taylors' Community, and the lasting friendships we forged and bonded there, through Booker T. Washington High and continue today, nearly 75 years later.

Wilhelmina Johnson Gordon is so mindful of our upcoming 75th class reunion and is praying that most of us will be able to attend and enjoy ourselves.

None of us attended the South Carolina State Fair this year, but we shared our memories of past fairs.

Lillian Delaney Edney is recovering from her recent hospital stay. We pray and wish for her full recovery. We also wish the same for Terza M. Strother Gooden who is recuperating at a very nice nursing facility, per her daughter.

At times we all fall down, but manage to get up and continue to move along however slowly.

Your reporter, Josephine Jefferson Hall, participated in most of the above mentioned activities as well as the Columbia Annual Conference of the AME Church, the 31st Annual Senior Games, and a Denim and Pearls fashion show. I received several of the many ribbons given to those 80+ Seniors at a luncheon, held at Richland County Parks and Recreation at St. Andrews Park on Beatty Road.

A Celebration of Life Service was held at Bibleway Church of Atlas Road for Charlie June Lumpkin, who was the brother of Janie Lumpkin Jackson and the uncle of Senator Darrel Jackson, Sr. I was happy to share a few highlights from his early life. Charlie enjoyed a professional life that afforded him adventures and travels throughout the world. Finally, the Brown Chapel AME Church observed Children's Sabbath. James Vant, who always brings a message of hope for our youth was the Church School's guest speaker. Let us continue to pray, love, and keep in touch until the next issue of Comet II in January 2019.

Happy safe holidays to you and yours.

Josephine J. Hall and Pauline B. Richardson, reporters

Class of 1955

Hello Class Members and other Washingtonians!

We are making it, however slowly and surely, with those class members who are surviving and willing to make some effort to help hold this class together.

Classmate, Evangelist Martha Anderson spoke at the BTW auditorium June 15, 2018. Classmates were there to support and encourage her.

Harold Lewis' daughter, Dr. Kapanar Lewis Prince hosted a very delicious and enjoyable brunch for the class at the BTW/Montieth Cultural Center on August 25, 2018. We were very pleased to see the large turnout. Hats off to Mrs. Prince who does this at least once per year.

The class will hold its Christmas Party on December 6, 2018 at Fats Restaurant. We will reveal our "secret pals" at this time. We will also exchange gifts.

The accompanying class picture(s) was/were taken at the Heritage Banquet. Don't we look great for 80+ years?



Alonzo Phelps, your roving reporter saying more in the January 31, 1919 issue of Comet II.

Class of 1956



Sunshine News!!

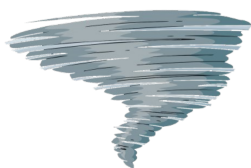
Well, we have made every effort to convene a meeting of our local members with no success. We were hoping to be able to just get together for an early movie or midday lunch, but that may not take place unless some of you call me soon and say you would like to fellowship in some way.

Most of the classmates that were known to be under the weather are making improvements. Elaine Lakin Hampton is in the hospital. Dorothy Sulton Weston lost her beloved husband, high school sweetheart, and best friend recently.

Thanks to the classmates who were able to attend the services to show Dorothy and her family our support at a most dark and difficult time. The family thanks you for your visits, calls, cards, flowers, and food.

Let's keep all of our sick and bereaved members in our prayers. Give them a call and or a card.

- JC Patterson, Reporter



Anthony McCollum, Jr. 2008 BTW Scholar, 2017 BTW Millennium Society Inductee, and 2017 University of South Carolina School of Law graduate, has officially passed the South Carolina Bar Exam and will be eligible to begin his law career right here in South Carolina! Anthony is the son of Anthony McCollum, Sr. and Quincella McCollum, and the grandson of Roland W. Harris, Jr., Class of 1955 and Lorene White Harris, Class of 1958. Please join us at the Koger Center on November 27, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., where Anthony will be sworn into the South Carolina Bar Association.

Rev. Samuel Goodwin, Class of 1965, was inducted into the South Carolina Hall of Fame on May 14, 2018.



Wishing you 12 months of pleasure, 52 weeks of excitement, 365 days of laughter, 8760 hours of good luck, 525600 minutes of joy, and 31536000 seconds of success.

May each day of the coming year be energetic and new, bringing along many reasons for celebrations and cheers.

Class of 1963

Class '63 55th Reunion Pictorial Celebration. Event was held at Spring Valley Country Club on September 22, 2018.



Reporting, Jacob Jones and James E. Parker

Scholarship Information

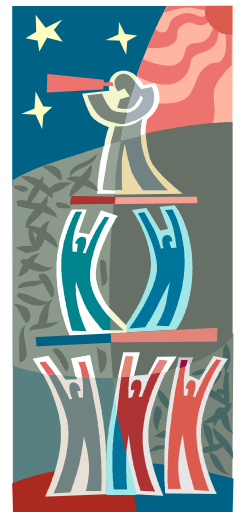


The Booker T. Washington Foundation has several scholarship opportunities available to graduating seniors. All applicants, except for the Susan B. Freeman Scholarship, must be the legal child or grandchild of a Columbia, South Carolina Booker T. Washington graduate. Susan B. Freeman Scholarship is restricted to seniors planning to attend Benedict College. Applications are available on the BTW website: bookertwashingtonfoundationsc.org. Applications are scored independently by each committee member using a rubric. Scholarships are then awarded to the applicants with the four highest combined average scores.

The Scholarship committee reviews applications submitted. Scholarship recipients are recognized

at the Heritage Weekend Banquet and are acknowledged at the John Work Chorus on Sunday.

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The BTW Foundation tries to help graduating legacies reaching to new academic heights.

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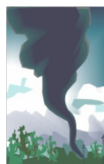
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About Our Organization

The Booker T. Washington Foundation began as a way to remembering our school which closed in 1974. It was a way to keep the family together and to give our legacies an idea of why we are so passionate about our Alma Mater. Scholarships are awarded to persons who apply and withstand the rigorous prerequisites and requirements. The dues for membership is \$35.00 per year, payable by April 15 of each year. \$25.00 of the total helps pay for utilities and upkeep of BTW/Montieth Cultural Center.

Our Motto:
"Lest we forget."

**Class of 1964**

The Class of '64 was excited to see each other as we resumed our bi-monthly meetings after our long summer break. Our September meeting was held at the home of Ernie (Betty) Glymph and hosted by Ernie, Barbara Epps Harling, and Catherine McGorder Whatley. Major focus of the meeting included the following: plans for 55th Reunion, Thanksgiving Blessing, and 2018 Christmas party.

One of the activities for our 55th Reunion includes a trip to the African American and Bible Museums in Washington, DC. The trip is planned for September 20-23, 2019. Cost of trip is \$500 per person (double occupancy). If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Jo Boyd.

In our November meeting, which will be hosted by Clarence Goodwin, we will bless one of our classmates with a Thanksgiving Blessing. This year's recipient will be classmate Ronnie King. He spent most, or all of summer 2018 in Palmetto Richland Hospital. Our class gives a designated monetary award from treasury, supplemented by additional funds from individual classmates. Classmates are always very generous in their giving.

Our culminating activity for 2018 will be our Christmas party. This event will be held on December 14th at the Spring Valley Country Club. We will celebrate our classmates, past and present.

Classmates attending September meeting: Robert Bonnette, Frankie Campbell Pointe, Ann Gardner Jennings, Ernie (Betty) Glymph, Clarence Goodwin, David Grant, Barbara Epps Harling, Vivian Hopkins Hernandez, Joseph Holston, Doris Johnson Andrews (Donna King), Sandra Krider Johnson, Catherine McGorder Whatley, Melvin (Jerald) McKie, Lorenzo Mills, Willie Myers, Samuel (Rosa) Pelzer, James Prince, Julia Prince Edwards, James Ruff, Barbara Seabrook (Thomas) Spry,

Geraldine Stroman Parker, Jo Tillman (Doug) Boyd, Jessie Thorne-Edmonds, David Tucker, and Mary Wilson Guinyard.

**KUDDOS**

John Brown Edmond, United States Marine Corps (USMC), recently returned from a tour in Japan and earned an advanced rank in less than a year. He is now a Corporal. He is the grandson of Jessie Thorne-Edmonds.

Congratulations to **Corley Squire Mack Washington**, **Jacqueline Washington's** mother, who became a centurion on September 29th. A banquet was given in her honor by her family on September 29th, at the Brooklyn Banquet and Conference Center. Coverage of her birthday appeared in the PANORAMA.



Doris Johnson Andrews and Geraldine Stroman Parker, Reporters